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JOURNALISTS

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1. (BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED) FOLLOWING CLOSELY ON HEELS OF  
KROKODIL ITEM REPORTED REFTEL, ISSUE NUMBER 12 OF POPULAR  
ILLUSTRATED MAGAZINE "OGONYEK" (WHICH WAS RECEIVED HERE  
MARCH 17) REPEATS CHARGES AGAINST THREE OF FOUR AMERICAN  
CORRESPONDENTS FORMERLY BASED IN MOSCOW. THE THREE ARE  
KRIMSKY, FRIENDLY AND TOTH; PETER OSNOS, EX-BUREAU CHIEF  
OF "WASHINGTON POST" IS SUBSTITUTED FOR THE "NEW YORK  
TIMES" CHRIS WREN, WHO ROUNDED OUT THE KROKODIL QUARTET.

2. IN CONTEXT OF FIVE-COLUMN OLD-HAT STORY ON "COSMETICS  
FOR THE C.I.A.", OGONYEK WORDSMITH M. MIKHAYLOV NOTES  
FACT THAT WASHINGTON "HAS NOT REJECTED" CLAIMS THAT  
C.I.A. HAS USED AMERICAN JOURNALISTS AS INTELLIGENCE  
SOURCES OR OPERATIVES. MIKHAYLOV THEN TOSSES IN FOLLOWING:  
"AFTER THIS REVELATION, IT WOULD BE INTERESTING TO KNOW  
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HOW SUCH PEOPLE FEEL AS, FOR INSTANCE, FORMER AMERICAN  
CORRESPONDENTS IN MOSCOW KRIMSKY, OSNOS, FRIENDLY AND  
TOTH, WHO WERE FORCED (VYNUZHDENNYYE) TO LEAVE THE SOVIET  
UNION AT VARIOUS TIMES FOR FAR-FROM-JOURNALISTIC ACTIVITY  
BUT WHO REJECTED 'WITH RIGHTEOUS INDIGNATION' THEIR TIES  
TO ESPIONAGE ALTHOUGH THESE TIES WERE IRREFUTABLY  
DEMONSTRATED." (END UNCLASSIFIED)

3. (BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) COMMENT: ALTHOUGH NOT SO  
BALDLY AS IN KROKODIL ARTICLE, OGONYEK ALSO IMPLIES THAT  
AMERICAN JOURNALISTS WERE EXPELLED OR OTHERWISE "FORCED"  
TO LEAVE, WHEN, AS NOTED IN REFTEL, KRIMSKY WAS THE ONLY  
ONE ACTUALLY BOOTED OUT. OSNOS, WHO DID NOT FEATURE IN  
KROKODIL TREATMENT, LEFT AT CONCLUSION OF HIS NORMAL TOUR  
OF DUTY, AS DID FRIENDLY AND TOTH (AND WREN). APPEARANCE  
OF ANOTHER, ALBEIT MORE MODEST, SWIPE AT CORRESPONDENTS  
SO QUICKLY AFTER KROKODIL PIECE DOES NOTHING TO DISSUADE  
US FROM REFTEL COMMENT THAT SOVIETS MAYBE ATTEMPTING TO  
ESTABLISH "LINKAGE" BETWEEN CORRESPONDENTS (I.E. C.I.A.  
AGENTS) AND DISSIDENTS. TOON

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